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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: *Slight risk for severe weather over OK/TX/SW AR and N LA.*

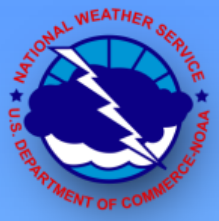
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Key Points



Today

- **Slight risk of severe weather over OK/TX into AR and nrn LA**
 - Large hail, damaging winds will be the main threats
 - Isolated tornadoes will be possible though the evening.
- **Elevated to critical fire conditions continue for E NM/W TX**

Monday

- **Severe weather threat continues on Monday over the eastern half of TX and into southern LA**
- **Isolated heavy rain possible across western OK/NW TX**






Tuesday - Thursday

- **No Significant Weather Impacts**

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Apr 26, 2015 - Apr 30, 2015

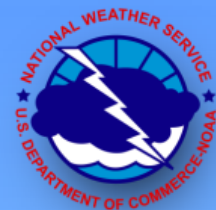
DAY/ THREAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Severe Storms	OK/TX SW AR/nrn LA	E TX/LA			
Heavy Rain /Flooding	OK/NW TX	Wrn OK/S LA			
Fire	E NM/W TX				
Heat					

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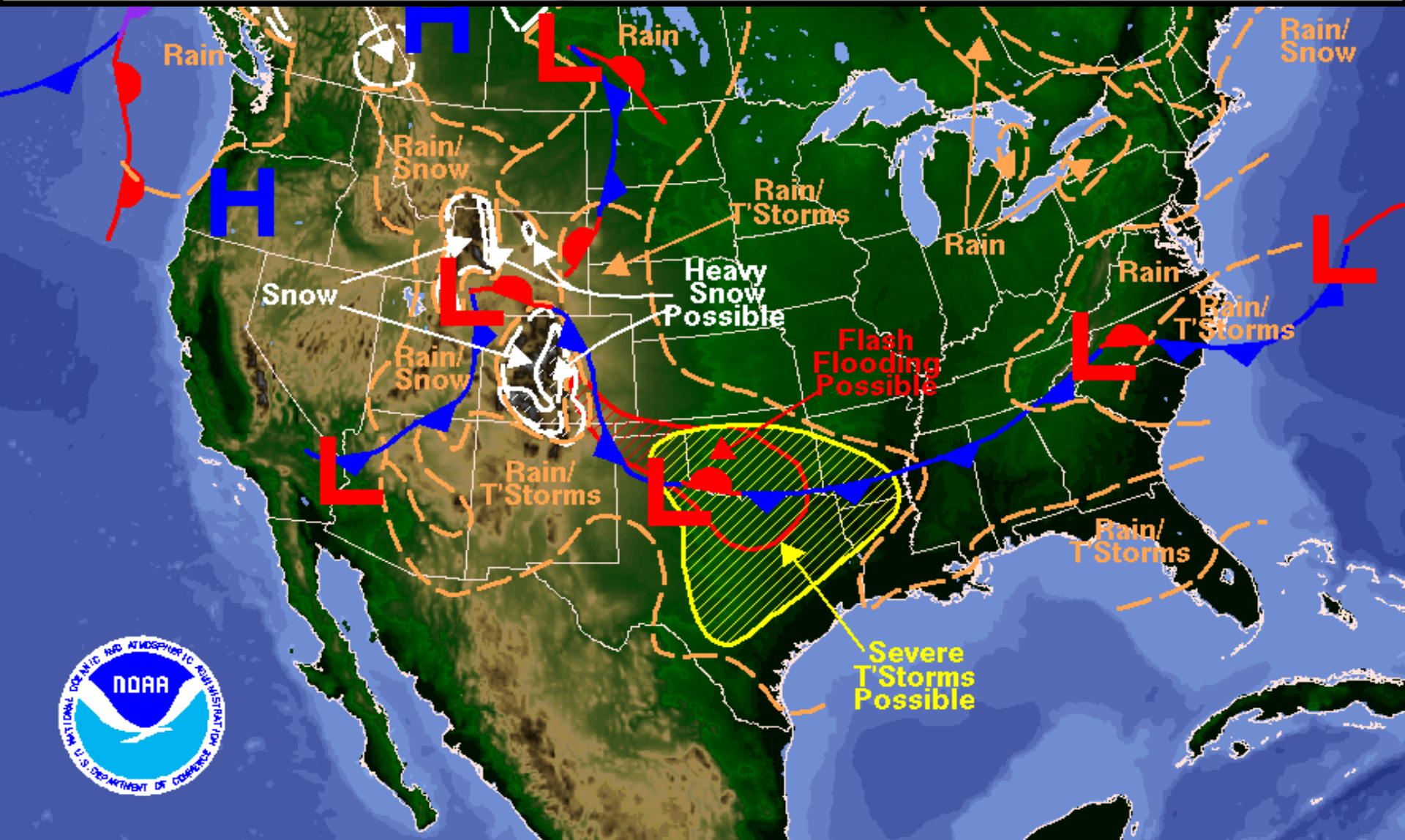
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Weather "Threat" Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common – Happens Often Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically results in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Sun, Apr 26, 2015, issued 4:35 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts






Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Mon



**Elevated to critical
fire weather
conditions this
afternoon due to
low humidity and
gusty winds**

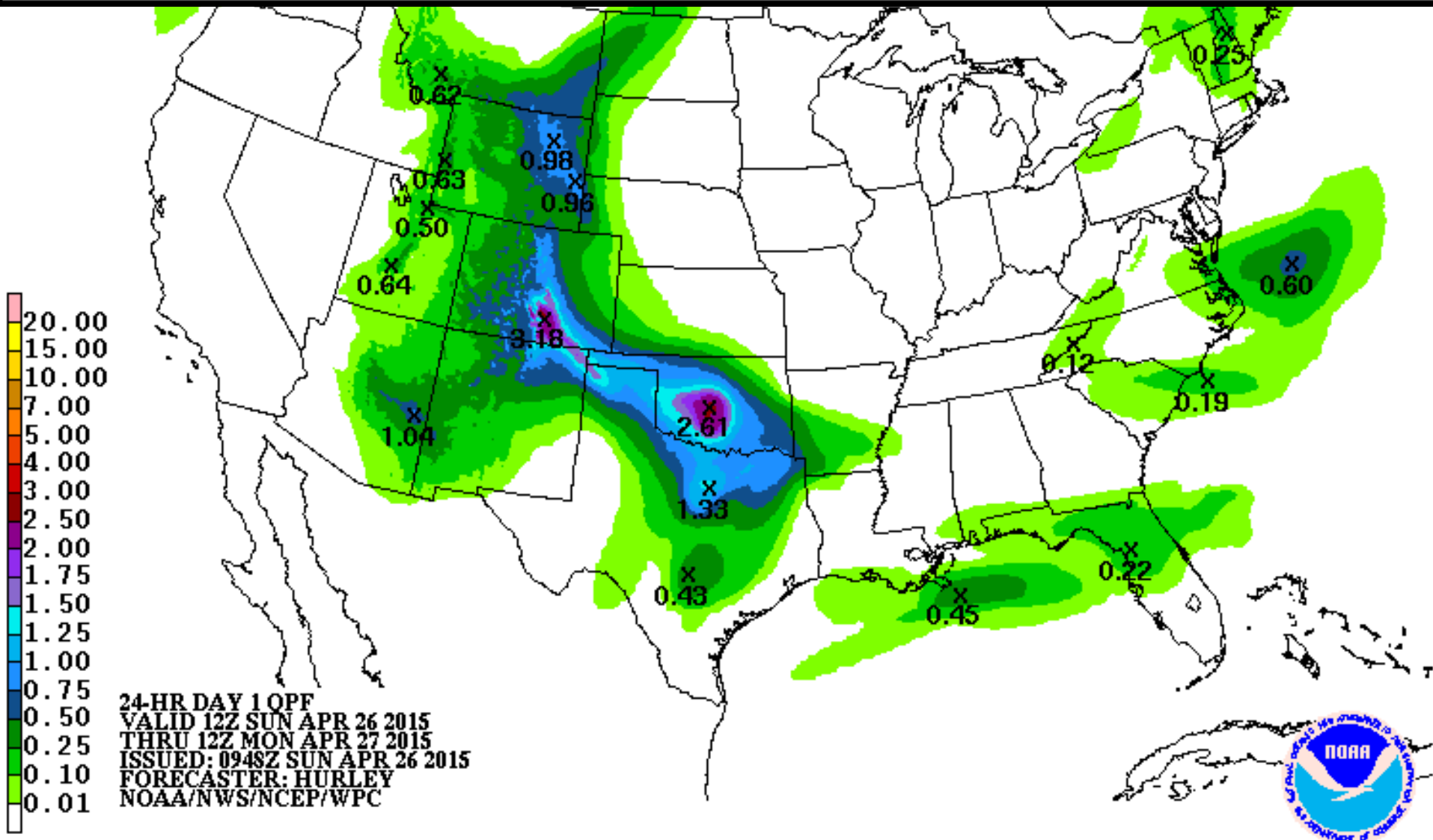
**Severe weather
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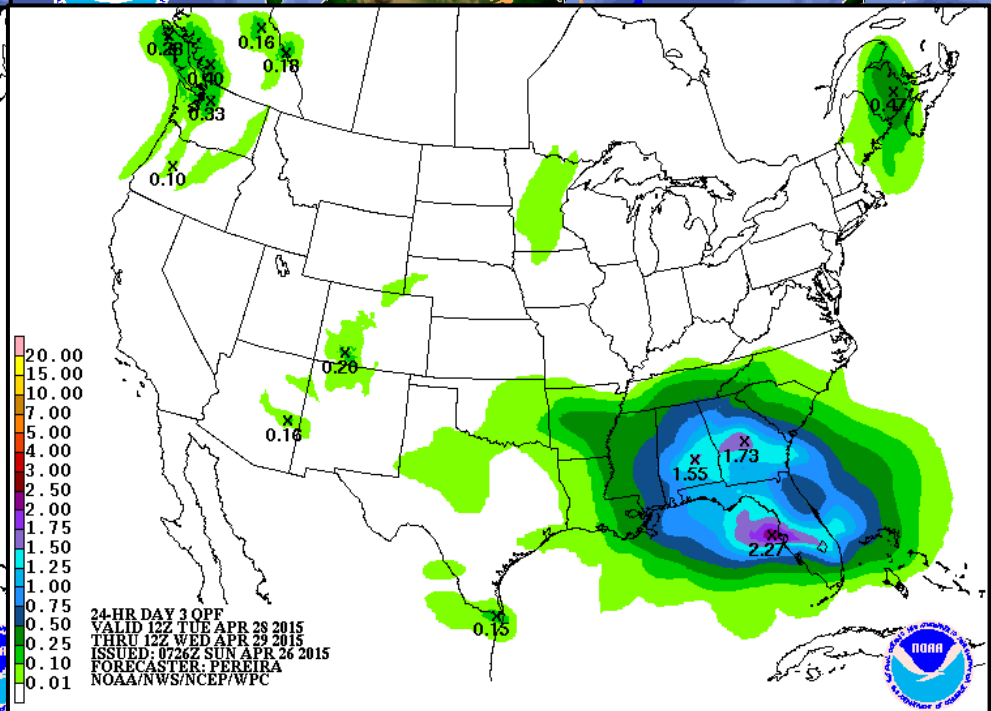
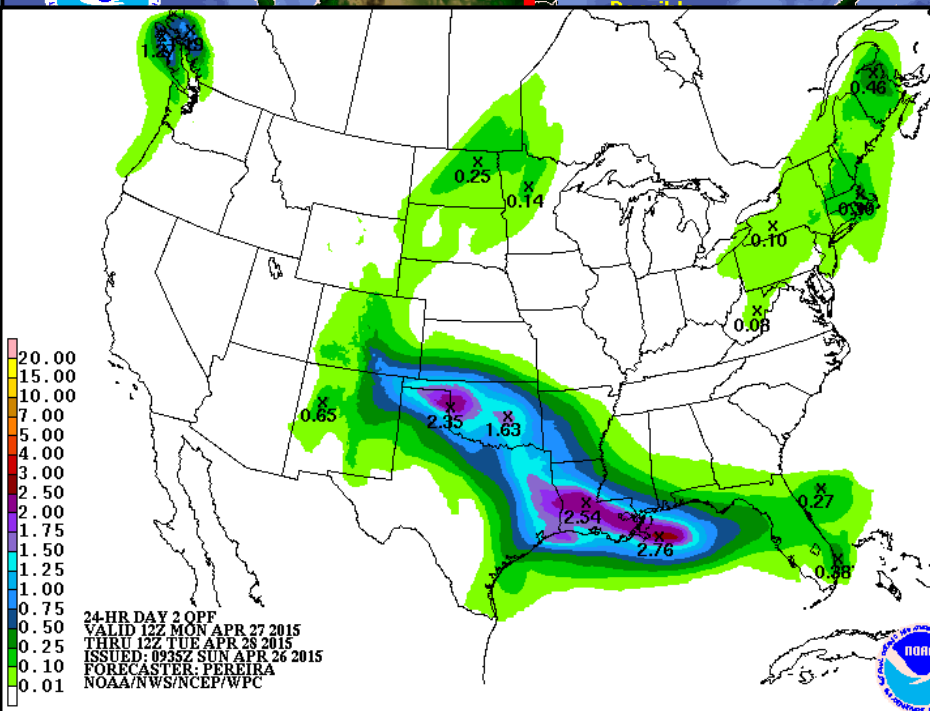
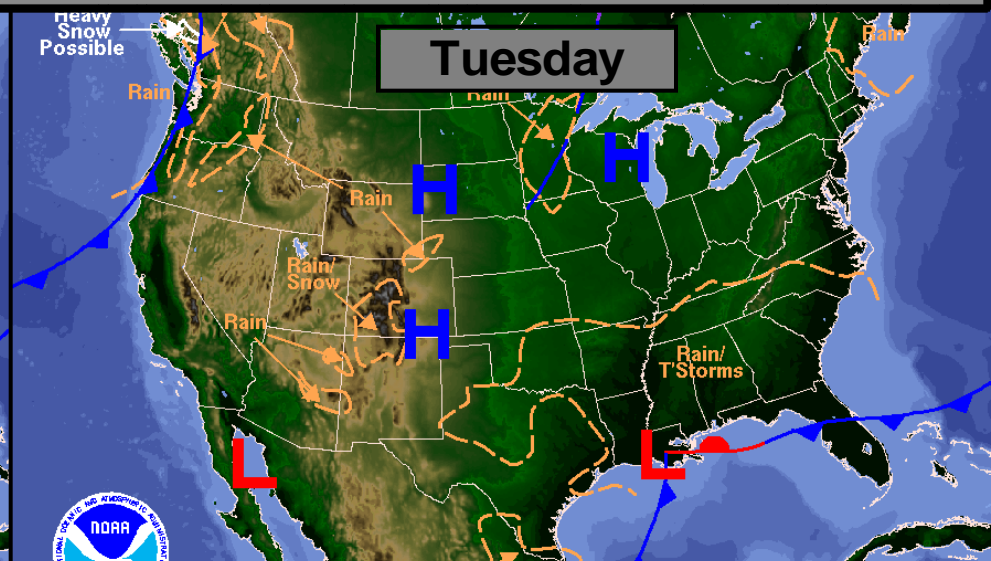
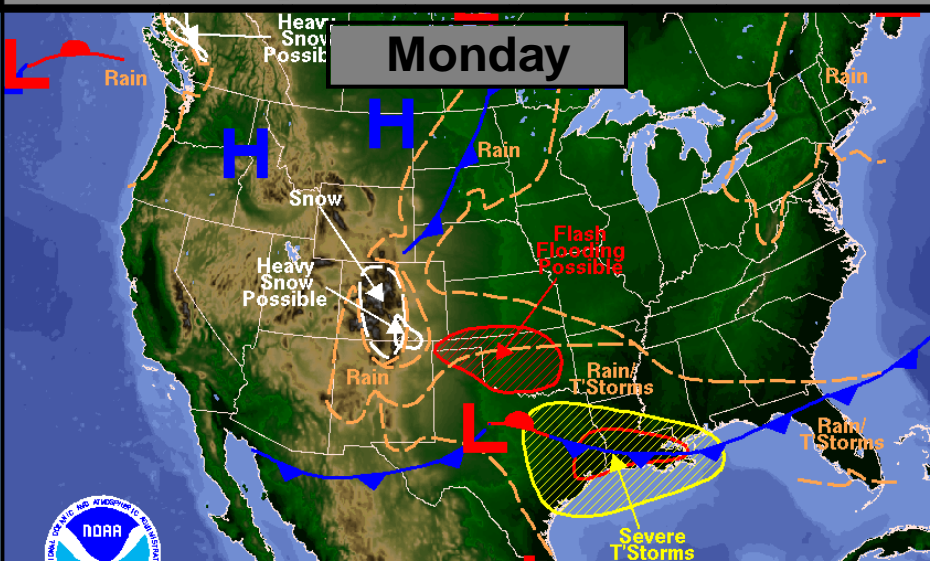
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Today's Precipitation

Sun AM - Mon AM

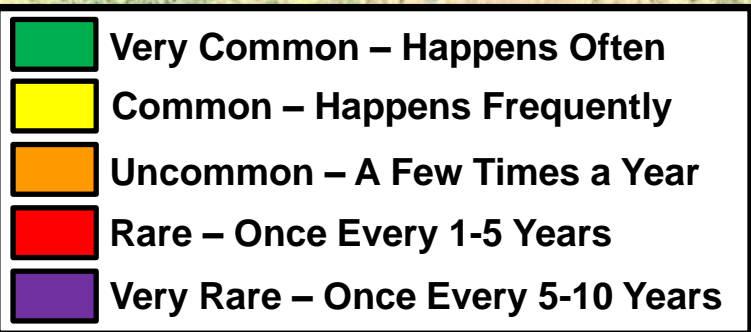
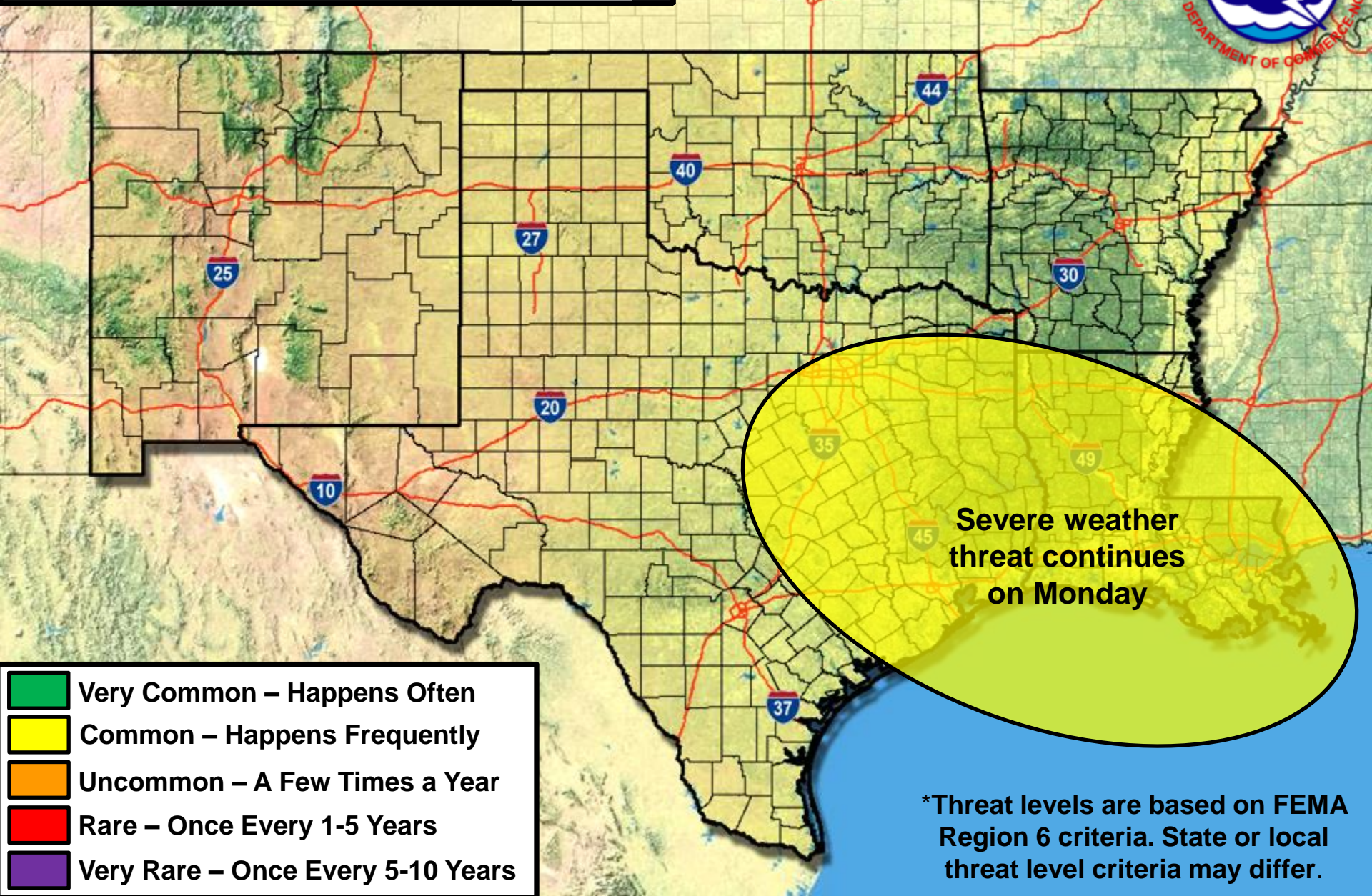


Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

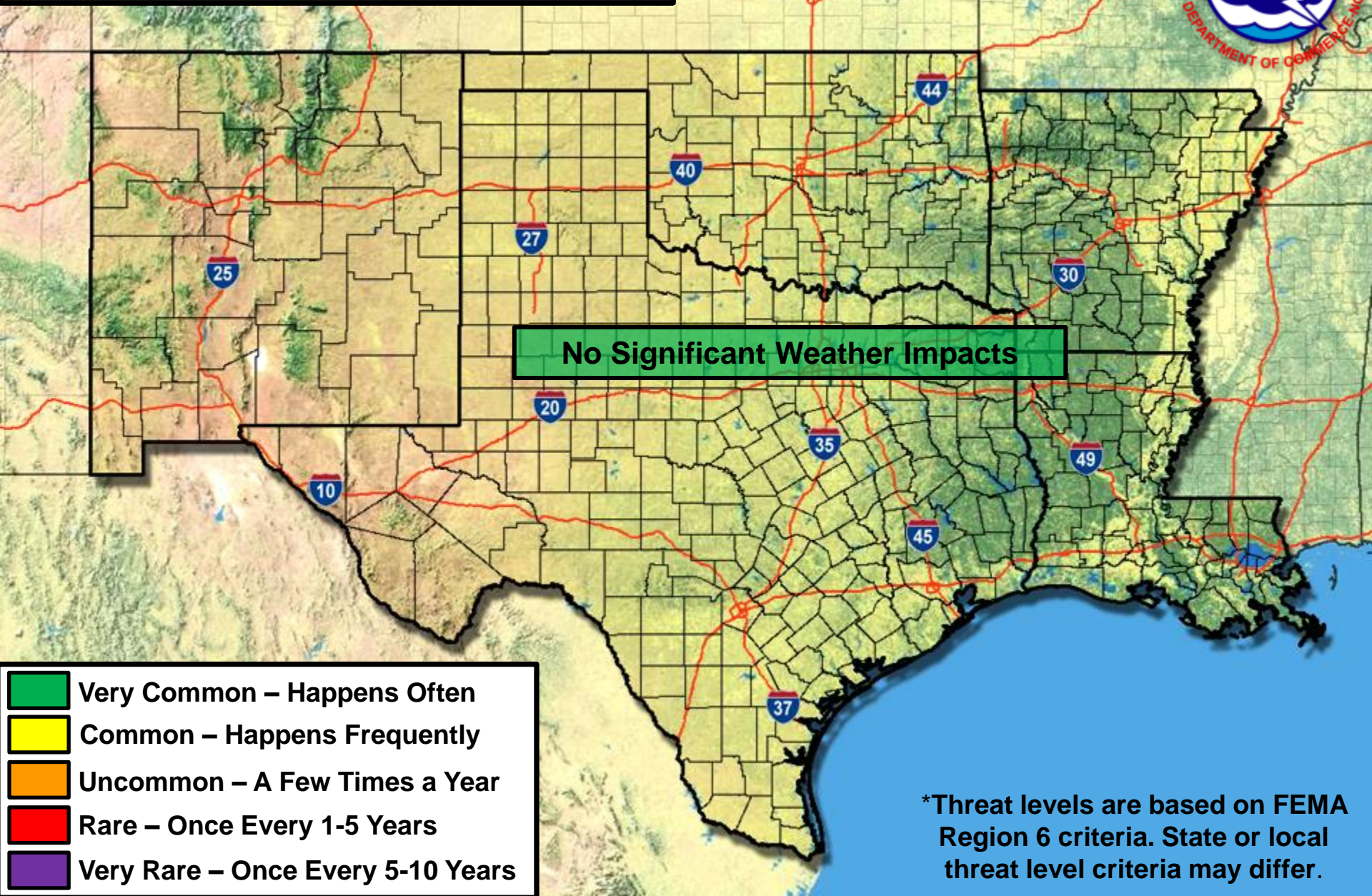
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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Wed - 0800 Fri



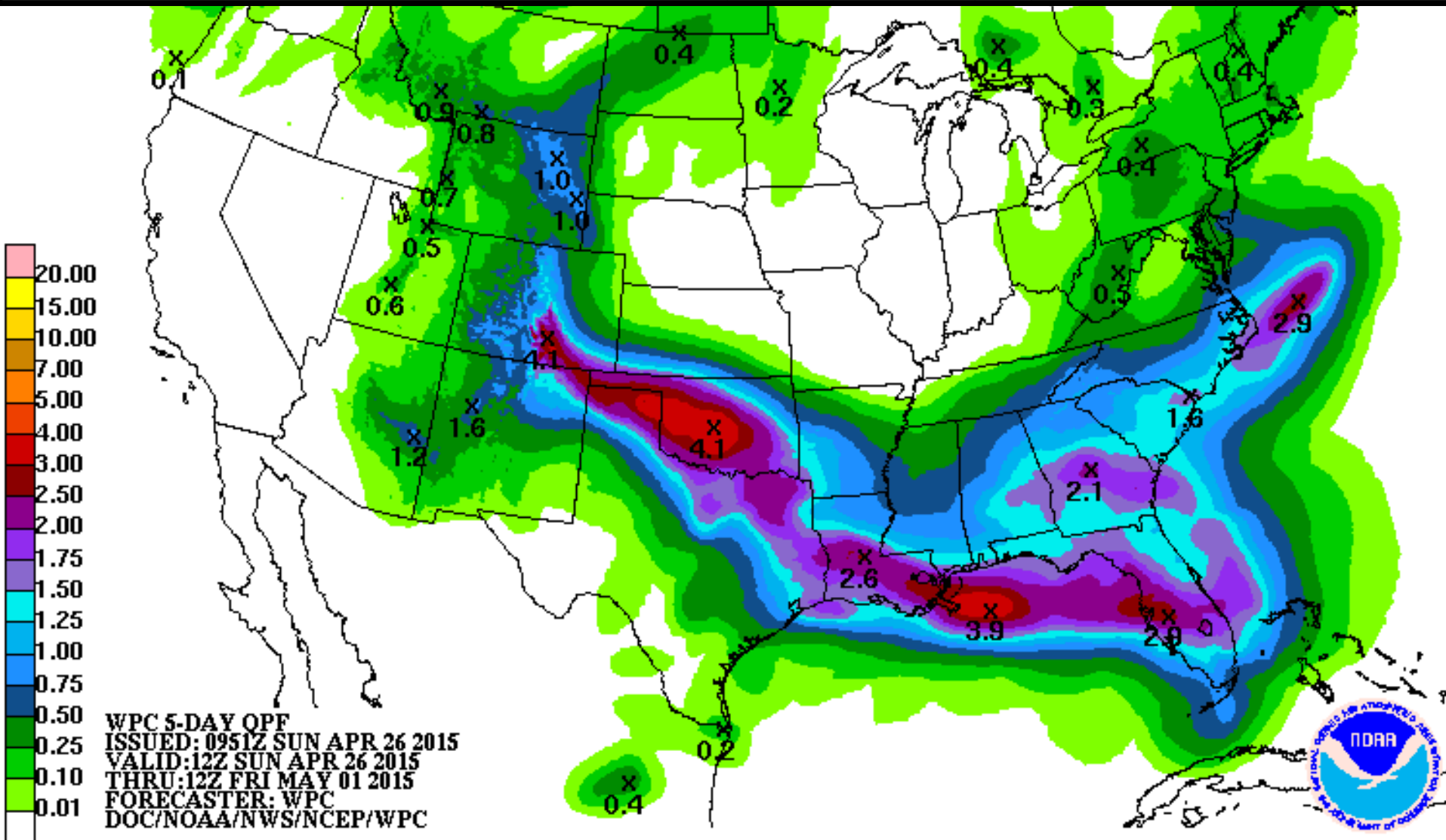
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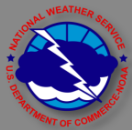
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5-Day Precipitation

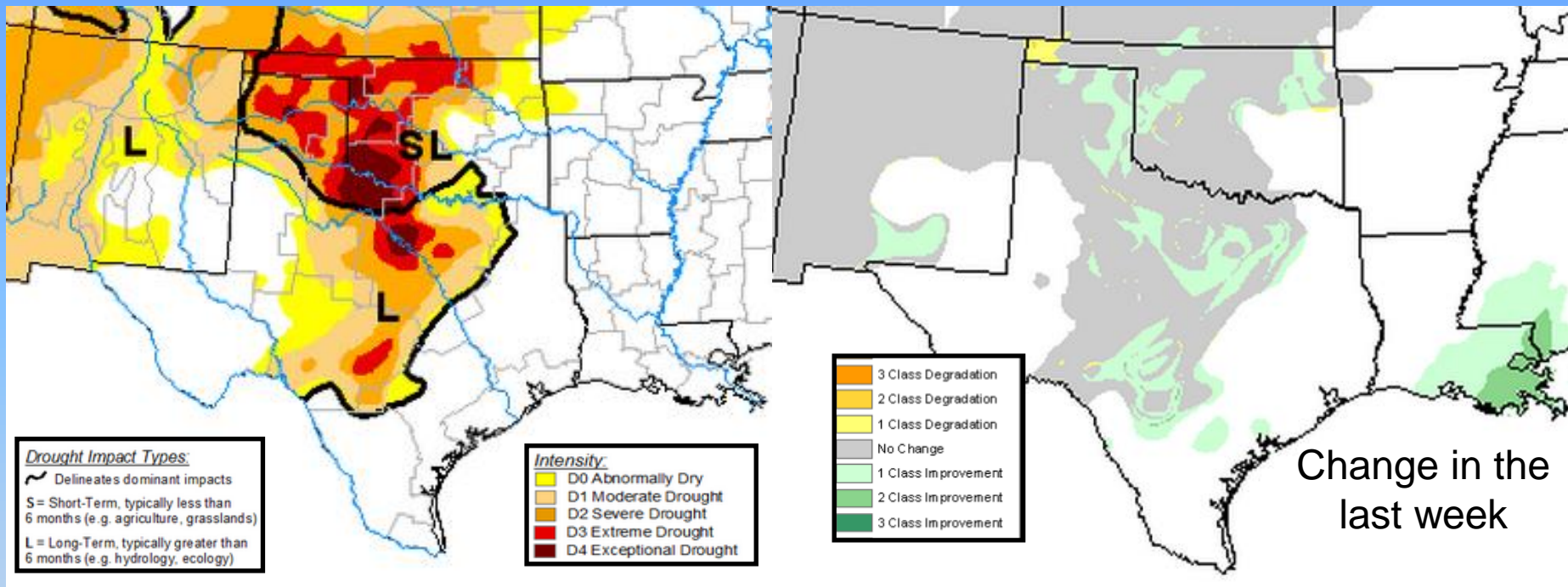
Sun AM - Fri AM





Drought Monitor Released April 23rd, 2015

Data valid as of Tuesday, April 21st, 2015 at 7AM EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	37.13%	39.72%	22.58%	37.86%
Texas	9.35%	14.91%	11.34%	32.67%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	3.70%	24.86%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

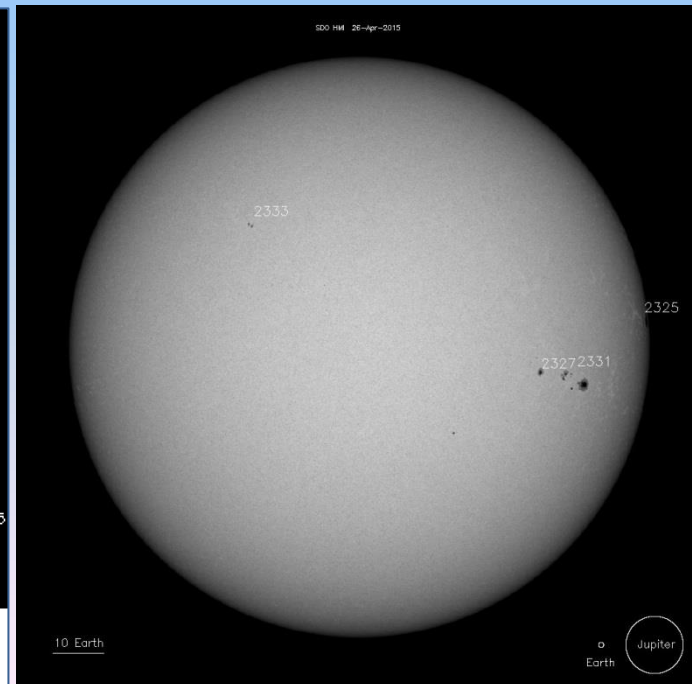
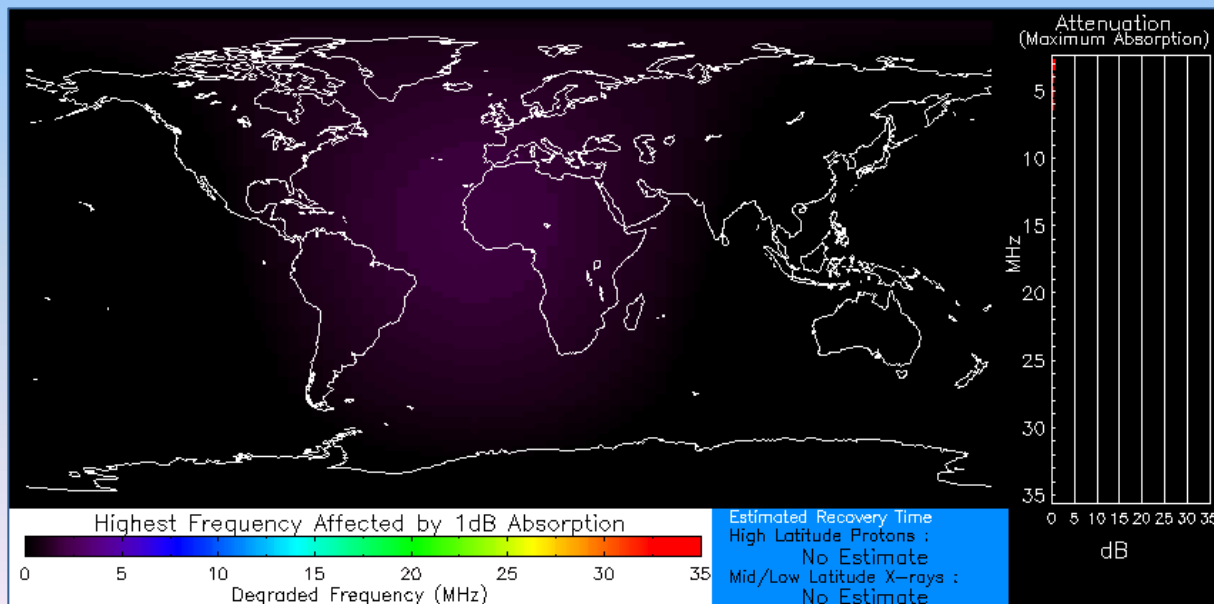
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	10%	10%	10%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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